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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: ARMY OFFICER'S PLAN TO ARREST AND EXECUTE INSURGENTS

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2. ON 12 DECEMBER 1989, MAJOR JUAN VICENTE ((EGUIZABAL)) FIGUEROA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE C-II (INTELLIGENCE) OF THE SALVADORAN GENERAL STAFF, ORDERED THAT A LIST OF FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) INSURGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS BE PREPARED. THE LIST WAS TO BE PREPARED BY RESEARCHING INACTIVE ARCHIVES OF KNOWN COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS AS WELL AS BY UTILIZING CURRENT INFORMATION. EGUIZABAL'S INTENTION WAS TO USE THE LIST AS THE BASIS FOR A CLANDESTINE CAMPAIGN TO PHYSICALLY ELIMINATE THE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT APPARATUS OF THE FMLN.

3. ALTHOUGH THE LIST WAS PREPARED, EGUIZABAL DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HIS PLAN BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE

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NOVEMBER 1989 KILLING OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

5. IN APRIL 1990 THEN LT. COLONEL EGUIZABAL APPROACHED A MEMBER OF THE C-II AND SAID HE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO IDENTIFY 200 FMLN INSURGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHO WERE TO BE DETAINED. THOSE DETAINED WOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES FOR INVESTIGATION, AS REQUIRED BY SALVADORAN LAW, BUT WOULD BE INTERROGATED IN CLANDESTINE JAILS, THEN EXECUTED.

COMMENT: IN THE EARLY 1980'S EGUIZABAL PARTICIPATED IN THE CLANDESTINE ARREST AND EXECUTION OF SUSPECTED FMLN INSURGENTS.)

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